

Illegal settlers evicted in Ledo hamlet



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The [Tinsukia](#) district administration has evicted eight families of suspected [Bangladesh](#) settlers from a remote hamlet in [Ledo](#) on Monday a day after a [group](#) of former [ULFA](#) rebels set on fire a hut belonging to a suspected immigrant.

Led by a magistrate, a team of Margherita police and CRPF jawans reached the Maplang Khamti village in the morning and demolished at least eight [huts](#) occupied by the suspected settlers vanished from the spots hours before the eviction drive.

According to authority, these settlers lacked [documents](#) to prove citizenship and settlement. "We wont allow anybody without [documents](#) to settle here. We have been examining the settlements with utmost care and caution. The moment we [found](#) it unconvincing we evicted these people," said an officer.

Talking to Assam Times, a local resident said " We have been complaining before the authorities for the last many months. But the authority has been delaying eviction citing verification of [documents](#). A day after the former [ULFA](#) rebels stepped up the drive by setting on fire a hut, thr administration evicted these settlers," said a local resident.

A [group](#) of former [ULFA](#) rebels led by Jiten Dutta set afire a hut on Sunday where seven former rebels were detained. When protested with a road blockade, the police freed six former rebels and arrested one of them who set on fire the hut.

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